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SUBJECT: COLOMBIA'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PANAMA

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY, I ASKED HIM ABOUT HIS VISIT TO PANAMA. HE INDICATED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE STILL VERY MUCH IN A "DISCUSSION" STAGE. I REMARKED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD INDICATED TO ME THAT PANAMA WAS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE COLOMBIAN RIGHTS UNDER THE URRUTIA-THOMSON TREATY. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED, "WELL, THAT WAS WHAT WAS BEING DISCUSSED"; THAT THE MATTER WAS, OF COURSE, VERY COMPLICATED SINCE IT DID TOUCH UPON PANAMA'S ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH US. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT IN GENERAL PANAMA WAS WELL DISPOSED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA AND CONFIRMED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PANAMA AND ITS TWO NEIGHBORS.

2. COMMENT: IN GENERAL, THE MINISTER DID NOT APPEAR AS OPTIMISTIC AS HAD PRESIDENT LOPEZ, ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE

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CONVERSATIONS HE HAD LAST WEEKEND.

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